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To the Chairman and Members of the SEDGEFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present an interim report for the year 1944.

# General Statistics.

Area: 59,212 acres: Population: 52,912.

Number of inhabited houses, Dec. 51st 1944: 8,905.

Rateable Value: £121,589

Sum represented by a penny rate: 456. 1. 4.

## Extracts from Vital Statistics for the Year.

LIVE BIRTHS.	Males.	Females.	Total.
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	parties.	acquired.	THE REAL
DEATHS.	188	165	353
Total Birth Rate: Death Rate: All ca			

Deaths of infants under one year of age: 33 Death rate per 1,000 births; Legitimate 48.74

Illegitimate 0.00

Infantile Mortality Rate: 46.40

### Causes of Death.

	Males.	Females.
All Causes	188	165
Typhoid and Paratyphoid	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever.		and a
Scarlet Fever		
Whooping Cough	, and	•
Diphtheria	1	1
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	. 2	7
Other Tuberculosis diseases	4	5
Syphilitic diseases	1 3	
Influenza	3	1
Measles		wax
Acute Poliomyelitis, Polioencephalitis	-	-
Acute infectious encephelitis	una	
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Cancer of stomach and duodenum	5	D
Cancer of breast	~	. 1
Cancer of all other sites	. 22	7 2
Diabetes Trans ensaid wascular legions	21.	20
Intra-cranial vascular lesions Heart Disease	- ZJ. ZQ	41
Other Diseases of circulationy system	38 2	5
Bronchitis	17	10
Other Respiratory Diseases	<u> </u>	<b>1</b> 0
Pneumonia	3	Q.
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	2	9112
Diarrhoea under two years	post .	1
Appendicitis	-	2
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# Causes of Death. Continued.

	Males.	Females
Other digestive dimases Nephritis	4	. 5 ' 4
Puerperal and post-abort. sepsis	***	. <del>-</del> 7
Other maternal causes Premature birth	5	4
Congenital malformation, birth injuries	8.	6
Suicide	2 2	7 .
Road traffic accidents Other violent causes	75	2
All other causes	20	18

Birth Rates, Death Rates, Analysis of Mortality And Maternal Death Rates in The Year 1944.

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BIRTHS.	Rates per 1,000 Population.
Live	17.6 20.57 0.51 1.03
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Diphtheria Influenza	0.02 0.12 0.12
	Rates per 1,000 Live Births
Deaths under 1 year of age	46. 48.74
Deaths from Diarrhoea and Enteritis under 2 years of age	4.8
MATERNAL MORTALITY.	
Puerperal Infection Others Total	Not 0.00 Available 4.42
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Tubercle Bacillus Typhoid Bacillus	4 65 67 11 45 54 
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The following figures represent the work carried out by the Local Authority during the year:-

				Positive.	Negative.	Total.
Throat swabs taken			• • •	22	145	165
Nasal swabs taken				4	38	42
Prophylactic Injection	as of D:	iphth	eria			
Anti-toxin given	0 0 0		0 0 0	17		
Virulence Tests	• • • •	• 0 0	0 0 0	None		

Prevalence of and Control over Infectious Diseases.

### SCARLET FEVER.

92 cases of scarlet fever were notified during 1944 as against 65 for 1943. 88 cases were admitted to hospital and all recovered.

#### DIPHTHERIA.

During 1944, 37 cases of Diphtheria were notified as against 83 in 1945, 2 deaths occurred.

## CONTROL OF INFECTION.

All cases were notified by telephone and removed. without delay to your hospital.

As in the past ten years the throats of all 'contacts' were swabbed in order to detect any 'carriers' and injections of anti-toxin offered free of charge.

17 injections of anti-toxin were given to Diphtheria 'contacts' mainly children, 167 throat swabs, and 42 nasal swabs taken.

All 'carriers' discovered were warned as to their condition and 'swabbed' until free from infection.

#### Diphtheria Prophylaxis.

Under a Ministry of Health Circular (Autumn 1940) asking Local Authorities to secure the immunisation of as many children as possible in order to meet the increased risks which inevitably arise out of wartime conditions, this Council prepared a scheme whereby children of and under school age could be immunised free of charge to the parents, by the Medical Practitioners of the area at clinics set up in the schools and other suitable premises within the district.

Under this scheme, which commenced in August 1941, 518 children between the ages of 1 and 15 years completed the full course of

treatment during 1944.

Since the commencement of the scheme, the total number of children who had completed the full course of treatment at the blst of December 1944, was 5,632.

#### THE ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

One hundred and forty six cases were admitted to your Isolation Hospital during 1944, as against 172 in 1945.

Admission were as follows:-

From Sedgefield Rural District .-

88 cases of Scarlet Fever 48 " Diphtheria

" Cerebro-spinal Fever 11

Whooping Cough 1 case

" Influenzal Pneumonia cases

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# CANCER.

During 1944 Cancer was given as the cause of death in 47 cases.

# NOTIFICATION OF TUBERCULOSIS.

# TUBERCULOSIS (New Cases and Mortality during 1944).

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Of the above new cases 19 respiratory cases were notified from the Durham County Mental Hospital leaving 30 new cases notified from the remainder of the district.

SUMMARY OF WORK.

Done in the Sanitary Inspector's Department during the year 1944.

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TOTAL	Whooping Cough	Measles	Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	Pneumonia (Primary & Influencal)	Anterior Policmyelitis	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	Dysentery	Smallpox	Ophthalmia Moonatorum	Puerperal Pyrexia	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Civilian Notification Only.	
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Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

In concluding my report I desire to thank all members of the Council and their staff for the valuable help and encouragement they have offered me throughout the year.

I have the honour to remain.

Your obedient Servant,

J.C.V.HINDHAUGH.

Medical Officer of Health.